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J.U.S.T. FAILS

PROTEST

Slavia Retains Match Points

The protest lodged by J.U.S.T. against the result of its match with Slavia, played at the Showgrounds on June 27th and won by Slavia 2-0, was dismissed by the Disciplinary Committee last week.

J.U.S.T.'s claim for the points was based on the fact that the name of W. Cook appeared on Slavia's team sheet, but that another player, J. Riach, was fielded in his place.

Mr. John Pick, Slavia's Secretary, stated that Cook was expected by taxi from Puckapunyal at the time his name was included on the team sheets.

He had not arrived when the teams were taking the field, and Slavia's officials decided to field 10 men for the first 10 minutes. They further decided that, if Cook did not arrive in that time, another Slavia player who was on the sidelines unfit—Riach—would be fielded.

Accordingly, captain-goalie Ray Barotajs was instructed to inform the referee of these decisions, but Barotajs was forced to hurry off the field when referee Ward sent him to the dressing rooms to change his blue sweater, which clashed with J.U.S.T.'s colours.

REFEREE INFORMED

Vice-captain W. Bell told the Committee that, to save time, he took the toss-up in the absence of Barotajs and, acting under instructions, informed the referee of the situation and the club's decision with regard to the eleventh man. Bell said that the referee raised no objections.

He further stated that, after the match had been in progress about 9 minutes, Riach appeared on the touch line and Mr. Ward waved him on.

The Committee took the view that, if the referee had in fact been fully informed of the circumstances forced upon Slavia by the non-arrival of Cook, Slavia could not be judged to have engaged in malpractice as far as the League rules were concerned, nor to have taken an unfair advantage of its opponents.

However, Referee Ward was not present to either confirm or deny Bell's evidence, and the hearing was adjourned until the following week.

REFEREE'S EVIDENCE

At the second hearing, Mr. Ward stated that acting-captain Bell had in fact informed him of the situation at the time of the toss-up, and of the possible substitution of a reserve player after a further wait for Cook.

In reply to a question by Mr. John Ivanovic of J.U.S.T., who asked Mr. Ward why he had not told him of this when he informed the referee at half-time that he intended to protest the match because a substitute player was on the field, Mr. Ward agreed that his reply at that time was to the effect that the actual identity of the players was no concern of the referee.

After the Chairman had informed the Committee that neither the soccer laws nor the State Constitution made any reference to team sheets, and that the League instructions as to their usage were not explicit, particularly in unusual circumstances, the Committee dismissed the protest.

SLAVIA FINED FOR LAXITY

Following the disposition of the J.U.S.T. protest, Slavia's secretary was asked why the club had taken no steps to retrieve the team-sheets for correction at the first opportunity, which in this case was the half-time interval.

Mr John Pick explained that, firstly, the referees were located some 300 yards from the club dressing rooms at the Showgrounds, and that, in any case, he deemed it unwise for a club official to be seen approaching a referee during the progress of a match.

The Committee stated through the Chairman that this negligence, while it had no bearing on the match, resulted in the receipt by the Secretary of the Association of an incorrect team-sheet, and that the club would be fined £5 for its laxity in the matter.

Cited Figures to Joint Meeting

Mr. ALEX. KERR

The Treasurer of the V.A.S.F.A. cited gate figures to the joint meeting of the State Council and the State League in support of a pool tax on gate money to assist the lesser clubs.

CLUBS REJECT GATE TAX FOR POOL

Prefer Even Allocation of all Dates

At a joint meeting of the State Council and the State League Management Committee, the Council accepted the League's recommendation that all available dates at Olympic Park shall be equally divided between the State League clubs.

Many counter-proposals for the use of the Park were submitted. Most of them were based on playing the best matches of the week at the Park, and included suggestions for pools derived from gate-tax, but all were rejected.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was that every proposal, regardless of its source, had as its primary objective a reasonably equal spread between all State League clubs of the financial benefits to be derived from the Park.

The various motions for pool arrangements recognised the advantages to be gained by soccer as a whole if only the best matches were booked into the Park each week, but sought to help the lesser clubs financially by taxing the gates of the more successful clubs to form a pool from which the lesser clubs would benefit.

The simplicity of the recommendation for equal allocation of Park dates had a great deal of appeal and was not without merit, and eventually succeeded.

Taken in its broad sense, the principle of the arrangement is that, if 15 Sundays are available in a season, each of the 12 clubs would be allotted one Sunday home game, and three of the clubs would each receive a "bonus" Sunday.

In the following year, the same allocation would prevail, with the exception that the three clubs who were favoured by the "bonus" fixtures in the previous season would not be eligible for this boon in the new season.

The same principle would, of course, apply to Saturdays, of which approximately 24 are available to the League each season.

It remains for the Fixtures Committee to blend this system as closely as possible with the obvious need to stage the best attractions possible at Olympic Park.

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Sometimes they crack up, sometimes they keep right on going. We have just learned that international right-winger RAHN, who scored the winning goal for GERMANY against HUNGARY in the 1954 World Cup Final, is still in the German National Team.

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There's a powerful rumour that Scottish First Division club STIRLING ALBION may appoint IAN McCOLL, RANGERS and Scotland wing-half, as their Manager.

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JACKIE SEWELL, ASTON VILLA and England forward may join last season's English Cup glamour team NORWICH CITY as a playing coach.

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In PORTUGAL, it is not unusual, we hear, for top grade soccer matches to start at 9.45 p.m. Under floodlights, of course.

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The HEARTS, Australia's visitors this year, were by no means the only Scottish tourists this year. In recent months, DUNDEE visited Canada and the United States, RANGERS visited Denmark, HIBS visited Spain, and several other clubs made trips to the Continent.

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JOE CROSSAN, brilliant 20-year-old Irish forward, has been banned for life for allegedly demanding "irregular" payments in connection with a proposed transfer to an English club. Crossan was alleged to have put his hand out for £3,000 of the £6,000 transfer fee. Unfortunately for Joe, the Irish F.A. got wind of it and slapped the ban on him.

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Here's a chance for some enterprising Australian club to get hold of a top-class trainer. DOLFI FISCHER, former VIENNA HAKOAH left-winger, trained soccer players in Austria, Poland, Latvia, and France before he landed in Israel. He's still trying to reach Australia, and will train players for any club that will help him. He can be reached at Mamila 61, Jerusalem, Israel.

The colony of overseas players with Scottish senior teams continues to grow. GLASGOW CELTIC recently signed Italo-Canadian JOE SANTESSO, who is expected to make the first team next season. In addition to Canada, countries represented in Scottish football include Poland, South Africa, Italy, Holland, Sweden, various American countries, and, of course, England, Ireland, and Wales.

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The BRAZIL Soccer Association has presented Monsieur M. GUIGUE, the French referee, with a gold whistle as a memento in appreciation of his performance in the Brazil v. Sweden World Cup Final last year.

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Newly promoted to the Scottish First Division, ARBROATH is looking for additional strength and 'tis said that they are having conversations about GEORGE KELLY, inside-forward for STOKE CITY.

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GERMAN referees in the Rhine area have been instructed to call off matches when the thermometer shows eight degrees of frost. Which is exactly as it should be—that's the weather for ice hockey, not soccer!

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REGGIE SMITH, former DUNDEE star who steered FALKIRK to its Scottish Cup Final win in 1958, has resigned as manager after only two years. Smith is an Englishman who has been one of the most colourful personalities in Scottish soccer, and is not likely to remain idle for long.

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Former RUSSIAN international ANDREY STAROSTIN has suggested several ways to brighten soccer. He says that corner kicks should be taken from where the ball crosses the bye line, and that a player should not be given offside as long as the goalkeeper is between him and the goal. Those ideas are not likely to be taken seriously, but his suggestion that free kicks instead of throw-ins should be awarded when a player deliberately kicks a ball out of play could win some support.

Here are some more results from around the soccer world: In the European Cup, Portugal d. East Germany 3-2, and Spain d. Poland 4-2. In the Olympic Games qualifying rounds, Russia drew Bulgaria 1-1, and Denmark d. Iceland 4-2.

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In HUNGARY, MTK beat CSEPEL 2-1 in the League Championship Final, and in YUGOSLAVIA it was won by PARTISAN BELGRADE, who beat RED STAR BELGRADE 2-1.

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MORE PROTESTS FAIL ON LEGAL TECHNICALITIES

Holland, Yarra Park Pleas Dismissed

On the same night that J.U.S.T.'s protest against the result of its match against Slavia was decided, the Disciplinary Committee was required to consider protests by Holland and Yarra Park.

Holland's protest was submitted on its behalf by the sponsoring club Wilhelmina, and petitioned that the Holland-Malta "World Cup" tie, played on Sunday, July 5, with Malta the winner 1-0, should be declared a draw.

Holland's reason for the protest was that the penalty award for "hands" in favour of Malta, which resulted in the only goal of the match, was unjustified, the referee having made an error of judgment.

The protest stated that the player concerned, full-back Brouwer, did not touch the ball with any part of his arm, but that, if he did, the ball was played on to him from short range.

LAW 5 CITED

With the concurrence of the Committee, the chairman cited soccer Law 5, part of which states: "He (the referee) shall decide any disputed point. His decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned."

Pointing out that the Committee is bound to uphold all of the known laws and rules of soccer, the chairman stated that any protest, based purely on dissension with a referee's ruling regarding an incident of play, must automatically fail.

YARRA PARK'S BID

Yarra Park's protest requested a replay of its abandoned match with Juventus, which was whistled off at 51 minutes with the score 4-1 in favour of Juventus.

The club was informed that, since the protest fee of two guineas did not accompany the petition, the Committee was not at liberty to hear the protest.

However, Yarra Park was also advised, for its future guidance, that the protest was invalid in any case, since the grounds for protest specified merely criticised decisions and the handling of the match by referee Harrison, but cited no soccer law or rule in support of its plea.

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OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, July 18—
George Cross v. Slavia.

Sunday, July 19—
Wilhelmina v. Hakoah.

Saturday, July 25—
Geelong v. George Cross.

Sunday, July 26—
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.

Saturday, August 1—
Wilhelmina v. George Cross.

Sunday, August 2—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 8—
Hakoah v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 9—
Slavia v. Juventus.

Saturday, August 15—
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, August 16—
Juventus v. George Cross.

Saturday, August 22—
George Cross v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 23—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.

Sunday, August 30—
Sunday International Matches.

SYDNEY MAN OUT FOR LIFE

They have disciplinary troubles in Sydney, too.

Last week, C. Griema, a player with Third Division club Melita Eagles, was suspended for life for having allegedly assaulted referee A. Fraser during a match against Lansvale.

Another Melita player, P. Agius, who was said to have been involved in the same incident, failed to appear before the Committee, and was suspended until he does so.

The club itself was suspended until the following meeting, when it will be called upon to defend itself against possible expulsion.

The Referees' Federation has informed the Soccer Federation that no referees will be allocated to Melita Eagles' matches.

HAKOAH WINS THE BATTLE OF THE HALF-BACKS

Blues Now Contenders for Flag

Hakoah pulled another rabbit out of the hat last Saturday when it took charge of its match with George Cross and won an impressive 3-0 victory.

Hakoah must now be seriously considered as a championship prospect.

Form and figures don't seem to mean a thing this year. For instance, Hakoah struggled to a 1-1 draw with J.U.S.T., whom George Cross thrashed 6-0. In two matches with Geelong, Hakoah drew 1-1 and won 2-1. George Cross licked Geelong 5-0. And in the first round, George Cross beat Hakoah 4-2 to begin an unbeaten run of 10 matches.

After checking these—and other—facts and figures, we said in last week's SOCCER NEWS that unless Hakoah produced a secret weapon, they would lose. Well, it seems they had a plan, not a weapon—"Cover and blot out the Vella boys."

This Hakoah very ably succeeded in doing, with Thomas, Barker, and Borchardt winning the battle of the half-backs, and with Lolly Vella the subject of flattering attention from all of his opponents.

LOLLY FRUSTRATED

He became so frustrated after a while that he went walkabout around the centre, and his team-mates couldn't locate him most of the time.

And even Tony, surely one of the soundest footballers ever to pull on a soccer boot in Victoria, was unhappy throughout most of the match.

Down 0-3 at the interval, it must stand to the everlasting credit of George Cross that the team was still making a determined, bustling bid for goals when the final whistle was blown.

The Juventus-Moreland tilt would have ended in a draw but for Eric Heath's unlucky "own goal" which gave Juventus the win and the extra point.

So that when Slavia won at Geelong, and J.U.S.T. held Wilhelmina to a 2-all draw, the top half of the ladder took on the closest and most exciting aspect in years.

POLONIA IN IT?

With eight rounds to go, only 2 points separate the top five clubs, with the rebuilt and rapidly-improving Polonia making a late run at the leaders.

Four clubs in the top bracket will try to tear strips—and points—off each other this week-end.

Hakoah will attempt to stretch its unbroken run of successes against its fellow-leaders—and repeat its shock first-round win—when it tackles top-dog Wilhelmina at Olympic Park tomorrow; and George Cross will be expected to make amends for last week when it meets Slavia at the Park today.

Remaining leader, Juventus, looks safe against Footscray at the Showgrounds, leaving the Polonia-Moreland match as the most vital of the remainder.

At home and relieved of relegation worries, Box Hill is not likely to be as docile a loser against J.U.S.T. as it was in its first-round 1-9 debacle.

And it is just possible that Yarra Park could lift its depleted spirits with a point—even two maybe—taken from Geelong at Port Melbourne.

Star from Egypt for Sydney

Filippo Bottalico, Egypt's top goal-scorer, will fly to Sydney this week to join APIA.

The 21-year-old centre-forward was born in Egypt, but has always retained his Italian citizenship.

The cost of flying Bottalica to Australia, £400, was partly raised by a collection at Lambert Park last month, and the balance came from Italian businessmen.

Showing Class

Polonia's WIESLAW JANCZYK, former First Division player, is settling down nicely and beginning to show his class as a constructive — and effective — wing-half.

J.U.S.T. Appeal Dismissed

An appeal lodged by J.U.S.T. with the State Council, against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee in its protest against the result of its match with Slavia (see Page 1), was dismissed without dissent last Monday night.

J.U.S.T. also requested that, should its appeal fail, the opinion of either the national or international soccer bodies be sought on the matter.

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No reply has yet been received from Indonesia to enquiries made for the purpose of making arrangements for the qualifying rounds for the 1960 Olympic Games. It would be nice for Australia if Indonesia concedes a walk-over.

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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

J.U.S.T. drew Wilhelmina, 2-2.
Hakoah d. George Cross, 3-0.
Slavia d. Geelong, 2-0.
Box Hill d. Footscray, 2-0.
Juventus d. Moreland, 1-0.
Polonia d. Yarra Park, 6-0.

DOCKERTY CUP

(Second Round)

Brighton drew Preston, 3-3†
Croatia d. Maccabi, 1-0.
Dandenong d. Austria, 3-0.
South Melbourne d. Corio, 5-0.
Essendon d. I.C.I., 5-2.
Moorabbin d. Coburg, 4-2.
Melbourne d. Vic. Police, 3-1.
Lions/Hayduk d. Heidelberg, 5-1.
Sunshine City d. St. Albans, 5-3†
Yallourn d. South Yarra, 4-3.
Sandringham d. University, 4-1.
Ferntree Gully d. Bayswater, 9-1.
Park Rangers d. Seymour, 5-4.
Bendigo drew Moonee Ponds, 1-1†
Oakleigh d. Hellenic, 1-0.
Prahran d. F.N.D., 2-1.

ARMSTRONG CUP

(Second Round)

Richmond drew Juvenus, 2-2†
Polonia d. Fiorentina, 2-1.
Hakoah d. Brighton, 6-1.
Moreland d. Melbourne, 3-1‡
Wilhelmina d. Yallourn, 12-0.
Box Hill d. Slavia, 4-2.
Geelong d. J.U.S.T., 3-0.
Footscray d. George Cross, 2-1.

† After extra time.
‡ Abandoned at 78 minutes.

URGENT NOTICE TO CLUBS

MATCHES POSTPONED

Originally scheduled for next week, July 25th, these matches have been postponed to make way for Cup replays listed in Column 3 of this page;

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Brunswick v. Preston.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Richmond v. Brighton.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
Moonee Ponds v. Fairfield.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Trident v. Bendigo.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE

State League Reserves.

Box Hill v. J.U.S.T.
Wilhelmina v. Hakoah.
George Cross v. Slavia.
Polonia v. Moreland.
Juventus v. Footscray.
Yarra Park v. Geelong.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Preston v. Sunshine City.
Lions/Hayduk v. Maccabi.
Croatia v. Corio.
Coburg v. Hellenic.
Brunswick v. Sicilia.

Second Division.

Heidelberg v. Fairfield.
Essendon v. Moonee Ponds.
Collingwood v. Williamstown.
I.C.I. v. St. Albans.
Fiorentina v. University.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Vic. Police v. Park Rangers.
Brighton v. South Yarra.
South Melbourne v. Richmond.
Dandenong v. Melbourne.
Prahran v. Yallourn.

Second Division.

Sandringham v. Austria.
Bayswater v. Rosebud.
Ferntree Gully v. F.N.D.
Moorabbin v. Croydon.
Oakleigh v. Frankston.

First Division Reserves.
(NORTH)

University v. Fiorentina.
Hellenic v. Coburg.
Frankston v. Sandringham.
Maccabi v. Lions/Hayduk.
Sunshine City v. Preston.

First Division Reserves.
SOUTH)

South Yarra v. Brighton.
Richmond v. South Melbourne.
Melbourne v. Dandenong.
Yallourn v. Prahran.
Park Rangers, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Bendigo v. Melita.
Olympia v. Makedonia.
Hollandia v. Yarraville.
North Richmond v. Norlane
Trident v. Seymour.

NEXT WEEK

(Refer to Col. 1 this page for postponed fixtures)

CUP REPLAYS

(Second Round)

DOCKERTY CUP

Preston v. Brightoon.
Moonee Ponds v. Bendigo.

ARMSTRONG CUP

RESERVES

Juventus v. Richmond.

STATE LEAGUE and STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Hakoah v. Box Hill.
Slavia v. Wilhelmina.
Geelong v. George Cross.
Footscray v. Polonia.
Moreland v. Yarra Park.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Hellenic v. Croatia.
Corio v. Lions/Hayduk.
Maccabi v. Sunshine Cityy.
Sicilia v. Coburg.

Second Division

St. Albans v. Collingwood.
Williamstown v. Essendon.
University v. I.C.I.
Fiorentina v. Heidelberg.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Melbourne v. South Melbourne.
South Yarra v. Park Rangers.
Yallourn v. Dandenong.
Prahran v. Vic. Police.

Second Division

Croydon v. Ferntree Gully.
F.N.D. v. Bayswater.
Rosebud v. Austria.
Frankston v. Moorabbin.
Oakleigh v. Sandringham.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Lions/Hayduk v. Frankston.
Sandringham v. Hellenic.
Coburg v. Fiorentina.
Preston v. Maccabi.
Sunshine City v. University.

First Division South

South Melbourne v. Melbourne.
Brighton v. Richmond.
Park Rangers v. South Yarra.
Dandenong v. Yallourn.
Prahran, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Norlane Olympia v. Hollandia.
Yarraville v. Olympia.
Makedonia v. Melita.
Seymour v. North Richmond.

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Wilhelmina	14	10	2	2	64	28	22
Hakoah	14	10	2	2	34	17	22
Juventus	14	10	1	3	33	15	21
George Cross	14	9	1	3	38	18	21
Slavia	14	9	2	3	33	22	20
Polonia	14	5	2	4	27	24	15
J.U.S.T.	14	5	4	5	34	30	14
Moreland	14	5	1	8	40	32	11
Box Hill	14	4	1	9	15	39	9
Geelong	14	2	3	9	18	35	7
Footscray	14	0	3	11	21	58	3
Yarra Park	14	1	1	12	14	60	3

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Wilhelmina	12	10	2	0	48	10	22
Hakoah	12	10	1	1	40	15	21
Polonia	12	6	3	3	18	15	15
Juventus	12	6	1	5	27	17	13
Box Hill	12	6	1	5	31	22	13
J.U.S.T.	12	6	1	5	31	23	13
Geelong	12	6	1	5	26	20	13
Moreland	12	4	3	5	23	21	11
George Cross	12	3	3	6	20	33	9
Footscray	13	3	1	8	13	31	7
Slavia	12	2	2	8	22	42	6
Yarra Park	12	0	1	11	3	54	1

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Croatia	10	7	2	1	33	14	16
Lions/Hayduk	10	7	1	2	28	8	15
Preston	10	6	2	2	28	9	14
Sunshine City	10	6	0	4	25	16	12
Sicilia	10	4	2	4	20	17	10
Hellenic	10	5	0	5	22	22	10
Coburg	10	3	3	4	20	23	9
Maccabi	10	3	1	6	19	29	7
Corio	10	3	1	6	13	22	7
Brunswick	10	0	0	10	7	55	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Fiorentina	10	8	1	1	29	10	17
Moonee Ponds	10	8	0	2	32	15	16
University	10	7	1	2	31	17	15
Essendon	10	6	0	4	22	19	12
I.C.I.	10	3	2	5	21	27	8
Heidelberg	10	4	0	6	16	31	8
Collingwood	10	3	1	6	23	29	7
Williamstown	10	2	2	6	15	25	6
Fairfield	10	2	2	6	18	22	6
St. Albans	10	2	1	7	15	27	5

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	10	10	0	0	74	14	20
Richmond	10	8	0	2	41	10	16
South Melbourne	10	7	0	3	32	16	14
Brighton	10	6	1	3	30	20	13
Yallourn	10	5	0	4	28	26	12
Dandenong	10	4	0	6	28	35	8
Prahran	10	2	1	7	14	40	5
Park Rangers	10	3	0	7	17	42	4
South Yarra	10	2	0	8	14	40	4
Vic. Police	10	0	2	8	9	54	2

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sandringham	10	9	1	0	36	15	19
Frankston	10	6	2	2	31	20	14
Oakleigh	10	5	3	2	20	13	13
Austria	10	5	2	3	38	27	12
Bayswater	10	4	3	3	25	23	11
Moorabbin	10	3	3	4	23	20	9
Ferntree Gully	10	4	0	6	33	20	8
F.N.D.	10	3	2	5	23	31	8
Rosebud	10	3	0	7	23	33	6
Croydon	10	0	0	10	17	47	0

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Lions/Hayduk	10	8	1	1	30	8	17
Sunshine City	10	7	1	2	25	14	15
Preston	10	5	3	2	30	16	13
Frankston	10	5	2	3	32	19	12
Fiorentina	10	5	1	4	27	19	11
Coburg	10	5	1	4	21	21	11
Maccabi	10	5	0	5	38	24	10
Hellenic	10	3	0	7	20	36	6
Sandringham	10	2	0	8	11	35	4
University	10	0	1	9	6	48	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	10	8	1	1	60	17	17
Richmond	10	7	2	1	35	17	16
Dandenong	10	7	1	2	31	19	15
Brighton	10	5	1	4	25	21	11
Park Rangers	10	5	1	4	22	19	11
Yallourn	10	4	3	3	30	27	11
South Melbourne	10	5	0	5	29	33	10
South Yarra	10	3	1	6	17	32	7
Prahran	10	1	0	9	10	68	2

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Seymour	10	7	2	1	28	12	16
Noriane Olympia	10	6	3	1	31	17	15
Makedonia	10	6	2	2	24	13	14
North Richmond	9	5	3	1	37	14	13
Olympia	10	5	1	4	27	17	11
Trident	10	4	3	3	24	20	11
Melita	10	3	2	5	23	31	8
Bendigo	9	2	3	4	21	27	7
Hollandia	10	1	0	9	26	38	2
Yarraville	10	0	1	9	3	55	1

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SUNSHINE CITY'S LAST CHANCE TODAY

Must Beat Preston to Stay in Race

First and second place leaders Croatia and Lions appear to be safe winners against Corio and Maccabi today, which means that Sunshine City must beat Preston to hold a reasonable chance of staying in the race for promotion.

Failure will mean that City will be 6 points behind the outright leader—a virtually unbridgable gap with only seven rounds to go unless miracles suddenly become fashionable.

Coburg will battle hard against Hellenic in an effort to get clear of the relegation bogey, but Sicilia should have little trouble disposing of pointless Brunswick.

Only four of the eight Dockerty Cup challengers in this division survived last week's second round, and one of them, Preston, must replay its 3-all draw with Brighton next Saturday.

Hellenic and Coburg were beaten by Second Division sides Oakleigh and Moorabbin, and can relax during future Cup rounds.

Corio couldn't find the net at all against South Melbourne, losing 0-5, and Maccabi failed against league-mate Croatia 0-1.

Lions had a comfortable 5-1 win over Heidelberg, but Sunshine City had a close call with St. Albans, being drawn 2-all at 90 minutes.

However, City outclassed St. Albans during extra time and went on to win 5-3.

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Lions player F. Basichia, sent off for alleged violent conduct in a match against Sunshine City Reserves, drew a two-match suspension when he appeared before the Disciplinary Committee last week.

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

Test for South's New Side

Well satisfied with last week's display, South Melbourne United will field an unchanged team for the first time in many weeks—but today's game against Richmond will prove just how good it really is.

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Preston's new Secretary is Mr. H. Liepold, of 31 Stafford Street, West Preston, telephone number 44-6166.

RICHMOND COULD DROP OUT TODAY

South United Could Promote Melbourne

If South Melbourne United beats Richmond today—or even draws — Melbourne's ball next Friday night at Leggett's could turn into a promotional celebration.

Melbourne is in little danger of defeat by Dandenong, and failure by Richmond would mean a clear 6-point lead for the Hungarian side.

With Prahran and South Yarra up against tough opponents in Yallourn and Brighton, Park Rangers has a chance to edge away from the threat of relegation by beating tail-ender Victoria Police.

Of the 9 teams from First Division South who participated in the second round of the Dockerty Cup, none were defeated by opponents outside of the league.

Vic. Police and South Yarra were beaten by league associates, leaving seven survivors — Melbourne, South Melbourne, Yallourn, Brighton, Dandenong, Park Rangers, and Prahran.

Brighton, however, must replay its 3-3 draw with Preston next Saturday, and has only an even chance of survival.

On present appearances, and depending on the draws for rounds three and four, the four teams who will join the twelve State League clubs in the fifth round could come from this league.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

Bayswater's Big Cup Score

Report from Bayswater: "We took things very easy at Frankston Gardens last week, and went home after 10 goals had been scored. Unfortunately, Ferntree Gully got 11 of them." Not surprising really — three of Bayswater's regular forwards were absent.

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Sandringham is drawn against hardy Croatia in Round 3 of the Dockerty Cup to be played on August 1, but they have already arranged a celebration dance for that night. Contact Geoff Dobb at XU 130 for details.

NORTH LEADERS WILL "GO FOR BROKE" TODAY

Every Round Vital From Now On

The four leaders will "go for broke" in today's round of league matches to improve their positions, or get a break on their rivals.

There are a lot of "ifs" in the present set-up that go something like this: If Preston top co-leaders University, third, while Essendon, fourth, beats Moonee Ponds, second, the Lions may get a clear break of 3 points on the field.

Naturally both University and Moonee Ponds will go all out to prevent the rads from slipping away from them at this vital stage of the season.

A similar set-up applies at the other end of the ladder, where the six remaining teams, Brighton, Fitzroy, Sandringham and Williamstown, play each other in their last matches.

Every match in this league will have the character of knock-out matches, at least until the position is clarified at both ends of the table.

Only two of the six clubs engaged in last week's Dockerty Cup round, Essendon and Moonee Ponds, survived the ordeal, as for Moonee Ponds, who must replay their 1-1 draw with Bendigo next Saturday, the respite may be only temporary.

Essendon scored a comfortable 5-2 win over UCL, but neither Heidelberg, who lost 1-0 to First Division side Ivanhoe, nor University, who fared 1-1 against Sandringham, were equal to their opponents.

St Albans acquitted itself well, holding Sunshine City to a 2-all draw at Footscray, but could only add one goal in extra time while City added three.

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CUP DRAWS FOR THIRD ROUND
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DOCKERTY CUP

Sunshine City v Ferntree Gully
Heidelberg v Brighton or Preston.
Park Rangers v Moorabbin.
Melbourne v Prahran
Croatia v Sandringham
Moonee Ponds or Bendigo v South Melbourne
Lions Hajduk v Essendon
Yallourn v Oakleigh

ARMSTRONG CUP

Footscray v Moreland
Port Melb. v Geelong.
Hakoah v Juventus or Richmond.
Box Hill v Whittlesea.

TWO SOUTH CLUBS IN BIG CUP WINS

Oakleigh and Moorabbin were this division's giant-killers in last week's round of the Dockerty Cup, meeting First Division sides Heidelberg and Coburg.

Considering that Oakleigh was in the Provincial League only a year ago, while Heidelberg was in the State League, its 1-0 passport into the Third Round was a splendid effort.

Although Coburg isn't the power this year that it was last season, there's enough merit in Moorabbin's 1-2 win to make its lowly position in the league puzzling.

Sandringham and Ferntree Gully, with hard and comfortable victories over University and Bayswater, will go into the next round with justifiable confidence.

F.N.D. gave a creditable performance in losing Prahran to a pre-goal margin, while Austria was unlucky to find the strong Dandenong team in top form.

League matches resume today with the four league leaders involved in two vital games. Sandringham had its first difficult game against Austria at their first meeting, and will have to be right on its toes to hold the Croatian record today, while Austria must aim to stay in the running for promotion.

Oakleigh will aim to keep to improve on its earlier draw with Frankston, and the Bayswater will fight grimly to hold second position on the ladder. Oakleigh is favored here but Coburg is the most serious challenger for league honors.

In the remaining games, home-ground advantage should ensure victory for Bayswater against Rosebud, and Ferntree Gully is playing well enough to reverse an earlier result against F.N.D.

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GEORGE CROSS players, committee and supporters will have one of their periodical get together at a [illegible] at the North Melbourne Town Hall next Saturday night, July 25. Anyone who has been to one of these happy affairs won't miss this.

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BILL CLEMENTS, of COBURG, will be missing for a while with a broken arm, an unpleasant souvenir of the match against CORIO on July 4. Without taking credit away from MOORABBIN, his absence together with the unavailable BOUSE CARMICHAEL, and the injured SACCO, left COBURG badly weakened.

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Leggett's Ballroom in Prahran will be the setting for MELBOURNE's Sport Ball next Friday night, July [illegible]. This affair will last until 2 a.m., and the Committee hopes to hear every language in the soccer world spoken at Leggett's that night.

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HAKOAH'S new winger, MORRIS, appears to be an "Duff" specialist. He scored two goals that way last Saturday. The first went in off VIN MUSCAT'S neck, the second off BORCHARDT'S chest.

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Clubs are reminded that all accounts are now due and payable to the Association, and must be finalised immediately.

It is important that SEPARATE CHEQUES be made out for SOCCER NEWS payments.

That uninvited woolgrower (see top of this page) who has made Olympic Park its home is now known as "Matilda," the 4-legged lawn mower, and has been unofficially attached to Dick I, Dick II, Tom, and Joe as extra ground staff. A check-up last Tuesday found Matilda hard at work, and killed off the slanderous rumour that Mr Beaton and Mr Young had struck Matilda off the staff and were having mutton fricasee every night for dinner.

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A. KAZAR, of ST. ALBANS, was allegedly struck out by F. SORPRESSO of Fiorentina. Sorpresso was struck out by the Disciplinary Committee—for 5 matches.

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MACCABI could do worse than use its Reserve team in place of its Seniors in First Division North. The Reserves have scored 35 goals in their last four matches. VELEMAN, 8, TOBIAS 7, and FISHMAN 6, head the list of scorers. Compare that with the 3 goals scored by this side in its previous 6 matches. And to prove that they are not fluking their success, they beat their own Seniors 2-1 in a practice match!

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YUNKOVIC, George Cross's goalie, put on a game performance last week. His left arm and shoulder were injured when he fell on them in an attempted save early in the match but, despite severe pain, he stuck it out for the full 90 minutes.

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CROATIA has lost its inside-right, HORVAT, for a while. He was outed for 6 matches by the Disciplinary Committee for allegedly kicking a MACCABI player in their League match on July 4.

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CLUBS FINED, BONDED FOR INFRINGEMENTS

Yarra Park, Yarraville Penalised

Several clubs took July 4th internationally known as Independence Day, far too literally, and found that liberty and freedom are subject to rules when they faced the Disciplinary Committee last week.

For Yarra Park, the State' League's 13th Round—the Devil's Round as it is called in other sports—was really plagued by the imps of Satan.

On that day, Yarra Park's senior match ended in an abandonment schemozzle, its acting captain G. Pikoulas was sent off and subsequently banned for the season, and it could not muster a team for its Reserves match against Juventus.

team walks off

Charged by the Association for its failure to field a Reserve team, Yarra Park was fined £10 by the Committee, and a bond of £10 was imposed as a surety against future default.

The Yarraville v. North Richmond match was abandoned at 84 minutes when the entire Yarraville team walked off the field.

The score at the time was 12-0 in favour of North Richmond.

The club was also charged with having failed to notify the Association of the result of the match.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Yarraville's original bond of £10 be forfeited, that the club be fined £4 for its misconduct in connection with the walk-off, that it be fined £1 for failure to notify the result, and that a further bond of £5 be imposed as a surety against its future conduct.

Player Out For Season

Yarra Park's acting captain G. Pikoulas, who refused to leave the field when sent off by referee Harrison, was suspended for the balance of the season last week.

The referee's report stated that, in the match Juventus v. Yarra Park, Pikoulas was warned several times, then cautioned, for his behaviour in loudly disagreeing with decisions.

When the referee finally ordered him off for a further similar breach, he refused to go, and the match was abandoned.

Sydney Hakoah Signs English Player

Hakoah-Sydney has signed a young English forward who will be flown out to join the club soon.

He is 23-year-old Gordon Nicholson, who was with First Division club Huddersfield Town for 5 years, and with Bradford City for the last two seasons.

Hakoah has received his papers, and Nicholson will travel to Australia as a **migrant, avoiding repercussions** such as those which affect the five Austrian players.

CURB ON USE OF "RING-INS"

After its hearing of the J.U.S.T. protest last week, the Disciplinary Committee discussed the importance of the submission of correct team-sheets to opposing teams and the Association, through the referees.

There is no law on the subject, and the League rule which instructs clubs to deliver team-sheets to the referee is not explicit as to its usage in unusual circumstances, such as that which caused J.U.S.T.'s protest.

The main purpose of team-sheets is to prevent the fielding of unregistered players, suspended players, or players registered with another club. It also identifies a player whose name may be required by the referee.

To cover the possibility of last-minute substitution of a player because of accident, sudden illness, or some other unforeseen circumstances, the Committee instructed the Chairman to submit the following amendment to the League Rules to the State League Management Committee for its consideration:

"If through unforeseen circumstances a player becomes unavailable after team-sheets have been delivered to the referee, a substitute player, registered with the club, may be fielded, PROVIDED

(a) That the referee and the captain of the opposing team have been notified before the substitute player enters the field of play, and

(b) That the team-sheets have been corrected at the earliest opportunity, which shall in no case be later than half-time."

A fortnight ago, Melbourne player Gerdan was taken to hospital from the ground with an attack of illness just before kick-off time, and coach Varnai was substituted at the last minute.

The amendment recommended would guide the clubs in correct team-sheet procedure in just such an emergency.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

No League Tables are published this week, as insufficient results were received at Olympic Park on Saturday. As a result the following clubs have been fined vide Rule 31: Under 12—Brooklyn Hostel and Preston Hostel; Under 16—Heidelberg; and Under 18 — Fairfield and Coburg

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St. Kilda Junior Soccer Club, sponsored by Slavia-Port Melbourne, with two teams, Under 14 and Under 18, are experiencing a good season. Their Under 14 team is leader in their section, having played 11 matches, winning 10 and losing 1, scoring 43 goals against 11. Principal scorers: Jon Grachan, centre-forward, 20 goals; Joseph Aboyi, 12 goals; and Attilla Aboyi, 9 goals. This team is expected to play well during the Final Four and Cup competitions. The Under 18 team is third, played 10, won 4, drew 3, and lost 3.

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Moe United, in the Latrobe Valley Soccer Association Junior competitions, are seeking matches in the Metropolitan area for their Under 13 and 15 puniors. Club desirous of arranging friendly matches in Melbourne with Moe United should contact Mr. P. Borandy, 5 Texford St., North Newborough, Victoria. Mr. Borandy would like two weeks' notice to finalise arrangements.

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All clubs in the Under 14 (Southern Section) are advised that matches with Maccabi must not be played on Sundays in future, although there is no objection to these matches being arranged for a 1.15 p.m. kick-off subject to mutual agreement.

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The Victorian Under 14 team will be training on Sundays in preparation for the visit of St. George J.S.A. (Sydney). Mr. Len Young has been appointed coach for both the Under 14 and the Under 18 Victorian junior teams.

We welcome a new club, Tullamarine United, to replace South Yarra in the Under 18 section. Secretary's name is Mr. J. P. Gagel, 50 Waratah Avenue, Tullamarine. Ground location: Sharp's Road, off Bulla Road, approximately 14 miles beyond the Essendon Aerodrome.

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Comment by Bill Bradshaw, of Essendon, following the narrow win by the Dons in the Under 14 Section: "South Melbourne is a vastly improved team."

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The Moorabbin City v. Dandenong City game at Dandenong this Saturday (July 18), should be a thriller with the winner going on to win the premiership in the Under 16 (Southern Section). Box Hill and Bayswater still have an outside chance if they win all their remaining games.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

UNDER 12

Essendon d. Williamstown Hostel, 10-0.
Byes: Broadmeadows H. and Olympia.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Trident drew Lions/Hayduk, 2-2.
Sunshine City d. Maribyrnong H., w.o.
Bye: Brooklyn Hostel.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

Brighton drew Essendon, 2-2.
South Melbourne d. Maccabi, 2-0.
St. Kilda d. Broadmeadows H., w.o.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Yarra drew Essendon, 2-2.
Sunshine City d. Wesley College, 7-1.
Byes: South Melbourne and Ajax.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Dandenong City d. Moorabbin City, 4-1.
Preston T.S.O.B. d. Croydon, w.o.
Bye: Box Hill.

UNDER 18

Box Hill d. Army Apprentices, 6-1.
Remainder of fixtures not notified.

CUP FIXTURES TODAY

UNDER 12 SEMI-FINALS

Essendon v. Broadmeadows (at St. Kilda).
Olympia v. Sunshine City (at Fawkner Park).

UNDER 14—SECOND ROUND

Maccabi v. Essendon.
Lions/Hayduk v. St. Kilda.
Brooklyn Hostel v. Brighton.
Sunshine City v. Trident.

UNDER 16—SECOND ROUND

South Yarra v. Moorabbin.
Dandenong City v. Essendon.
Wesley College v. Box Hill.
Bayswater v. Sunshine City.

UNDER 18—SEMI-FINALS

Preston T.S.O.B. v. Box Hill (at St. Kilda ground, Middle Park).
St. Kilda v. Fairfield (at South Melbourne ground, Middle Park).

LEAGUE FIXTURE—UNDER 18

Army Apprentices v. Coburg (postponed from July 4th).

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

UNDER 12

Olympia v. Brooklyn Hostel.
South Melbourne v. Essendon.
Preston Hostel v. Broadmeadows Hostel.
Bye: Sunshine City and Williamstown Hostel.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Brooklyn Hostel v. Trident.
Lions/Hayduk v. Sunshine City.
Bye: Maribyrnong Hostel.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

Broadmeadows H. v. South Melbourne.
Maccabi v. Brighton.
Essendon v. St. Kilda.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

Wesley College v. South Yarra.
Sunshine City v. Ajax.
Byes: South Melbourne and Essendon.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Moorabbin City v. Box Hill.
Bayswater v. Dandenong City.
Croydon v. Heidelberg.
Bye: Preston T.S.O.B.

UNDER 18

Preston T.S.O.B. v. Coburg United.
Sunshine City v. St. Kilda.
Box Hill v. Fairfield.
Tullamarine v. Army Apprentices.

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ADVICE TO FANS

Sir,

As one of soccer's "crazy men" who flock to Olympic Park every week-end, I would like to scribble something about my favourite team, George Cross.

In last Saturday's game, George Cross was fairly and squarely beaten by Hakoah, who, on the day, played better all-round football. Congratulations to the first team to check George Cross after an undefeated run of 10 games.

This defeat could prove a blessing in disguise—it could urge our lads to greater efforts. With a hard-working committee to back them up, and the coaching of our popular skipper, Tony Vella, I feel confident that they will win a place in the "Four."

Now, a word to our supporters: It would be more appreciated if they would support and applaud the team not only when they win, but at all times. Fortunately, this can be said for the majority, but there are still too many fickle supporters who criticise loudly as soon as something goes wrong.

To qualify as a true "Stripes" supporter, firstly one must be a paying member. Secondly, one should forward complaints to the committee, instead of ventilating them in the street.

Let me add a word of praise for the referee, Mr. Cadelli, for the fair and confident way in which he controlled the game.

Finally, your magazine is great and I think it is worth all the trouble you have taken with it.

Yours, etc.,
WHITE & RED.

Coburg.

Too Much Speed?

Sir,

I feel that I must write something about the downfall of George Cross last Saturday.

As every soccer fan knows, George Cross is one of the fastest sides in the League, but it seems to me that their forwards are relying on speed too much.

They also concentrate on long passes, and many times I noticed them trying to get through the centre when a pass to the wing could have been more effective.

Yours, etc.,
A GEORGE CROSS FAN.

Springvale.

THE REFS. AGAIN

Sir,

To improve soccer in Victoria, I think that the V.A.S.F.A. should stress that referees and linesmen should give the players a better go.

There are two linesmen and a referee to every match, and surely one of them can see and correct the mistakes by one of the others. Then supporters would not get hot under the collar over silly errors that should not be missed.

In one of the World Cup matches on July 5, the referee whistled a player offside when he definitely was not, but seeing that the referee's decision is final, it has to be taken.

Yours, etc.,
JOE FRENDO.

South Melbourne.

Technical School Standings

Section 1.	
Prahran	17
Richmond	11
Burwood	11
Box Hill	6
Swinburne	10
Jordanville	7
Ferntree Gully	4
Section 2.	
Oakleigh	16
Dandenong	13
Moorabbin	10
Noble Park	9
Caulfield	9
Brighton	7
Sandringham	6
Section 3.	
Collingwood	18
Preston	9
Coburg	7
Brunswick	2
Section 4.	
Footscray	16
Sunshine	13
Essendon	12
Williamstown	7
Glenroy	6
Tottenham	0

The second semi-final, Prahran v. Oakleigh, will be played on Wednesday, July 22, at 2 p.m., on the Yarra Park ground, opposite Olympic Park.

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